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Trapper Fined \$323
By "Lenient" Judge

For illegally trapping wild ducks, Lafe Jones, of Fremont, Ohio, was recently fined \$300 and costs of \$23 by Judge Frank L. Kloeb, of the Federal Court at Toledo. Judge Kloeb, who added a 3-months suspended jail sentence, declared that he was being "lenient" because of certain facts brought out during the trial. Jones was arrested by agents of the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of the Interior, and cooperating Ohio State game wardens.

According to the agents' report, Jones operated a duck trap in the Emil Ben-zinger marsh in Erie County. A live mallard decoy and bait were used to lure the wild ducks into the trap. When the agents discovered where Jones had his trap, they hid in the marshes all night, waiting to catch him at work.

In his remarks before passing sentence, Judge Kloeb said that anytime a de-fendant was brought before him for trapping or selling wild waterfowl, he was ready to give the violator the maximum fine and imprisonment sentence for every count. Jones was liable to a maximum of \$500 fine and 6 months in jail.

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